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Statement submitted by International Council of Women, International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Soroptimist International, Zonta International, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I; Italian Centre of Solidarity, Socialist International Women (SIW), World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II; and International Inner Wheel and International Round Table for the Advancement of Counselling (IRTAC), non-governmental organizations on the roster

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 30 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

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We, the undersigned international non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council,

1. Acknowledge the progress made through the momentum of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing and await with interest the outcome of the Commission's deliberations at its fortieth session;

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3. Expect that a follow-up or review conference will be agreed upon to discuss in detail the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

4. Call for the elimination of stereotyping women's image in the mass media and the alleviation of inequality of women's access to and participation in all communications systems, as stated in the Regional Platform for Action of the Economic Commission for Europe (E/CN.6/1995/5/Add.4);

4. Urge Governments to take effective measures, including appropriate legislation against pornography and the projection of violence as well as discriminating and humiliating messages against women and children now present in the electronic media, in books, videos, television and magazines.